

MOCKINGBIRD™ 6

MARVEL

CIVIL WAR II



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THE DAILY BLOWHOLE

Your source for news aboard the *Diamond Porpoise*!



DAY 1

FORECAST

Ahoy!

Welcome aboard. We're expecting you. The *Diamond Porpoise* is excited to be hosting this year's annual Nerd Cruise. Accordingly, sunscreen will be available free of charge on deck at all times. Please be aware that there has been a schedule change: Hawkeye will not be appearing as Saturday's keynote speaker. Instead, John Roderick will host a seminar on ascot-tying.

There will be no refunds.

I'm looking forward to meeting you all at tonight's mandatory lifeboat drill.

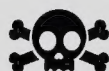
Yours sincerely,
Captain Katie Kubert



Sunrise: 7:54 A.M.



Sunset: 8:45 P.M.



Chance of pirates:
MEDIUM

FAQ

Q: Will the the magnetic abnormalities of the Bermuda Triangle affect my pacemaker?

A: Yes! Defibrillators are located near the Cinnabon™ on level two.

Q: How long does it take to travel to the Bermuda Triangle?

A: 3-11 days, depending on ripples in spacetime.

The wi-fi password is: IVMLMJWFT

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Join us Sunday for poolside *Game of Thrones* rerun bingo hosted by celebrity game designer Keith Baker! (Swimsuits required.)

See the Bermuda Triangle

DREAM DESTINATION

IT WAS A *BAD* IDEA FROM THE START.

A CRUISE SHIP TICKET, MADE OUT TO A NAME I HAVEN'T USED IN YEARS, SENT BY A STRANGER CLAIMING TO HAVE VALUABLE INFORMATION I COULDN'T REFUSE.

ON BOARD THE
DIAMOND PORPOISE

BOARDING PASS

Admit
One

Ship Name: The Diamond Porpoise
From: New York City
To: Bermuda

Passenger Name: Barton/Bobbi Mrs.
First Class - Deluxe Suite #19

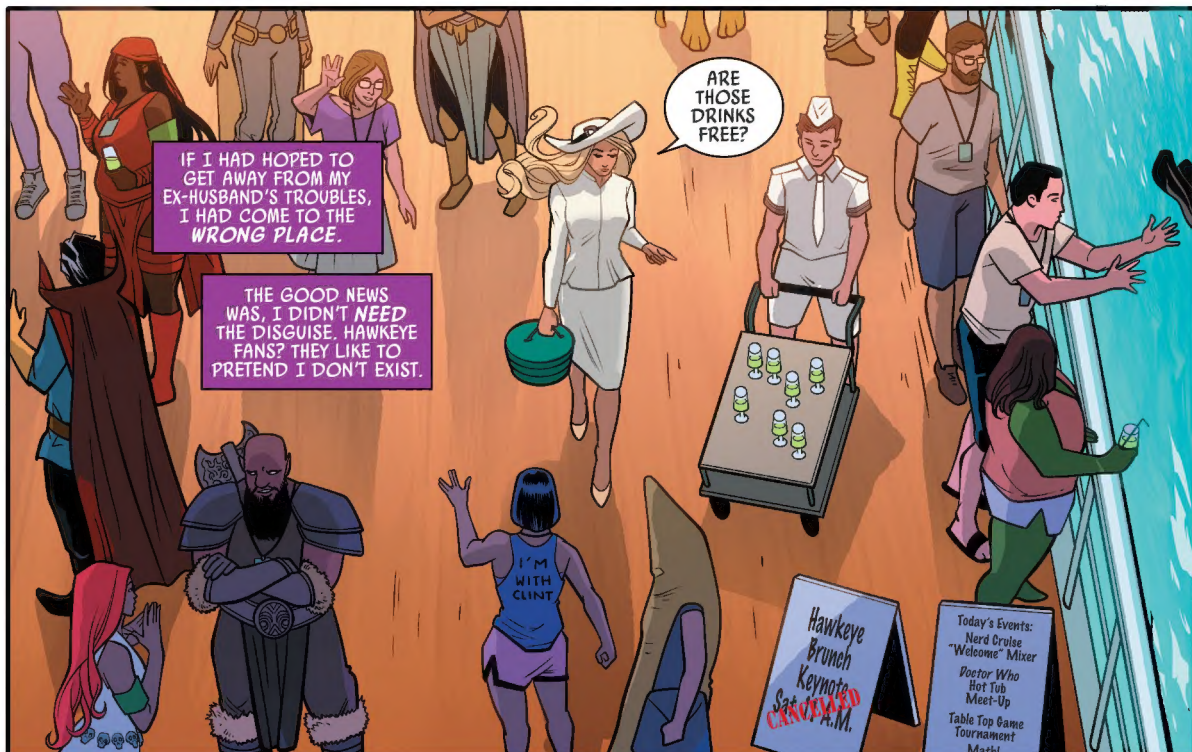
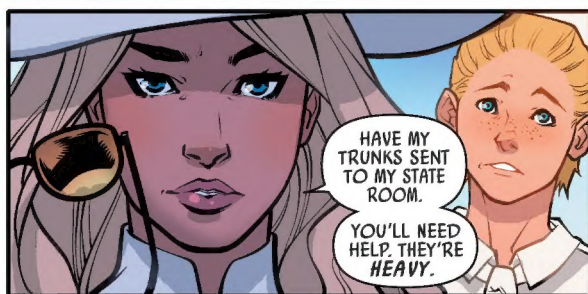
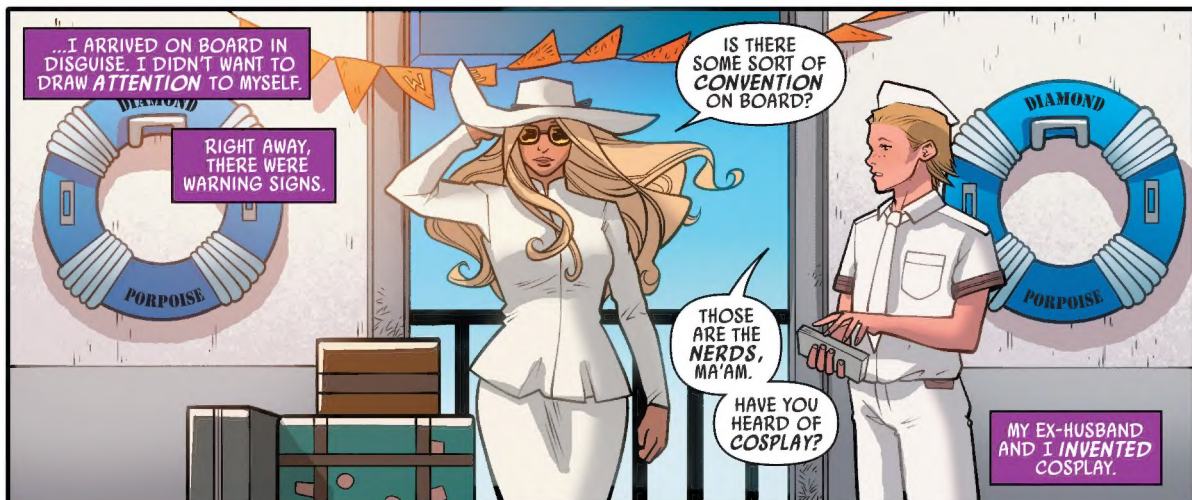
Bon Voyage!

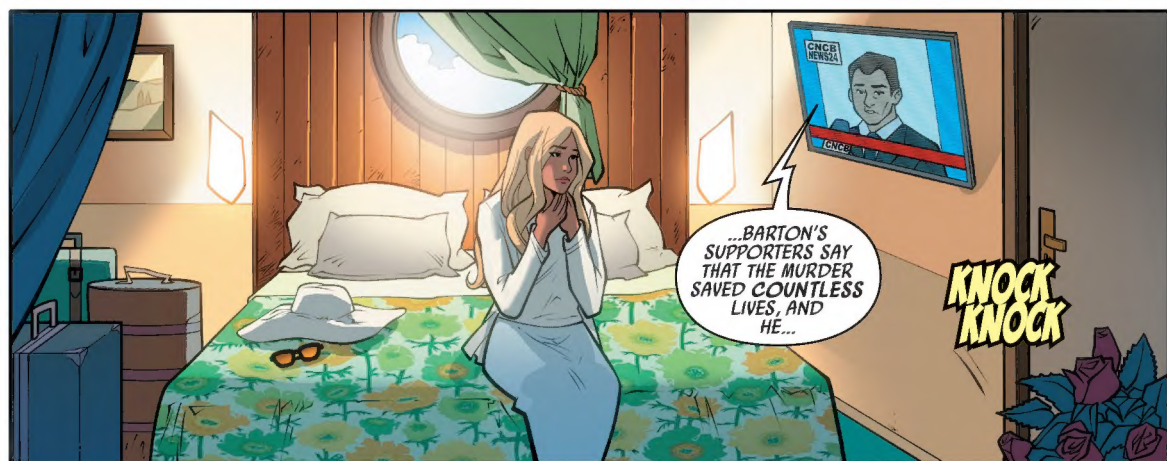
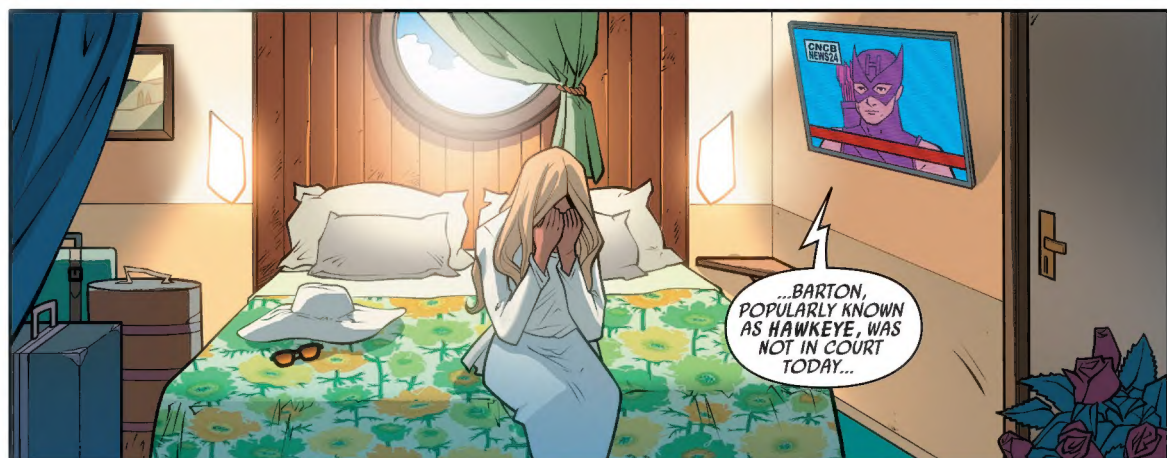
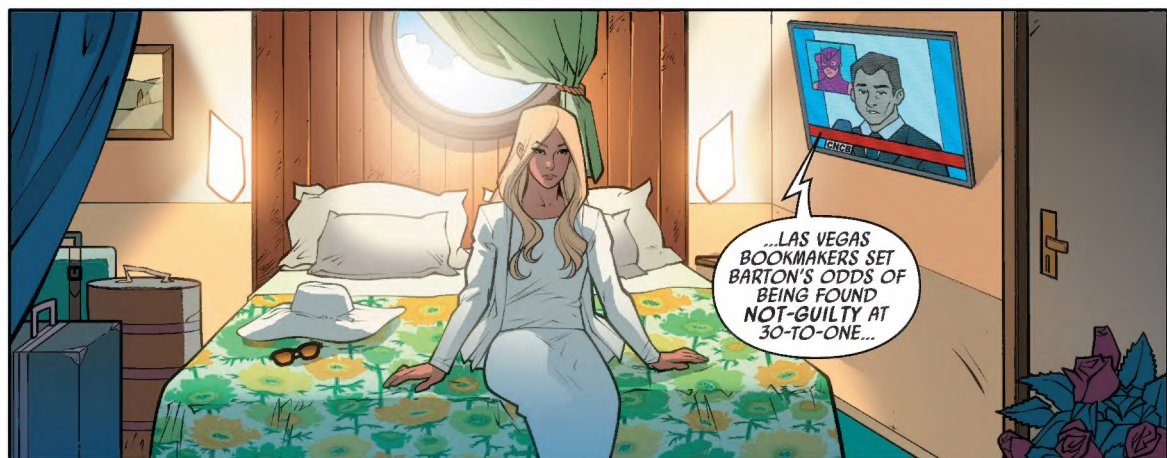
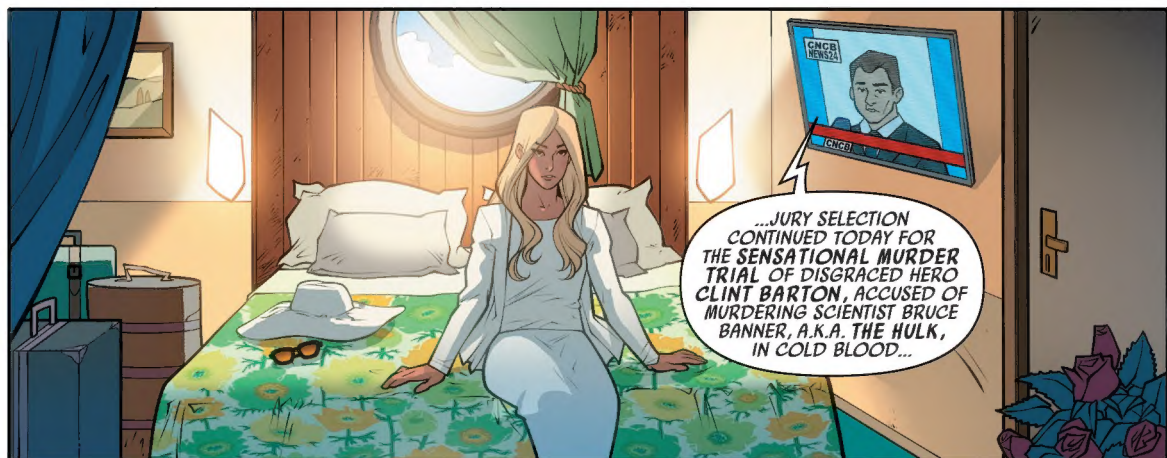
Important Disclaimer On Reverse Side

IT KIND OF SCREAMED
"STARTLINGLY
OBVIOUS SETUP."

BUT THE TRIAL
OF THE CENTURY
WAS JUST GETTING
STARTED.

AND HONESTLY,
I JUST WANTED TO
GET OUT OF TOWN...







...ONE-IN-TWENTY.

ANOTHER CRITICAL HIT. SHE ROLLS BETTER THAN YOU, STORM.

QUIET, PAUL, I'M TRYING TO WATCH THIS.

YOU SLAY THE TROLL.

I SEARCH THE BODY.

PERCEPTION: +3.

HOW MANY EXPERIENCE POINTS IS THAT?

8:59 P.M.

LET'S REVIEW.

I HAD AGREED TO MEET A HORSE-HEADED MAN ON THE OFF CHANCE HE COULD HELP MY EX-HUSBAND BEAT A MURDER RAP.

IT WAS POSSIBLE I WASN'T THINKING STRAIGHT.

THEN AGAIN, WHAT DID I HAVE TO LOSE?



I'LL USE MY MOVE ACTION TO ADVANCE THREE.

WHAT ARE YOU PLAYING?

I HAVE NO IDEA.

YAHTZEE!

OKAY! THE HAUNT HAS BEGUN. AMY, YOU'RE THE TRAITOR...

I NEVER GET TO BE THE TRAITOR.

JUST TAKE A TURN.

YOU BETTER CLOSE THE PORTAL.

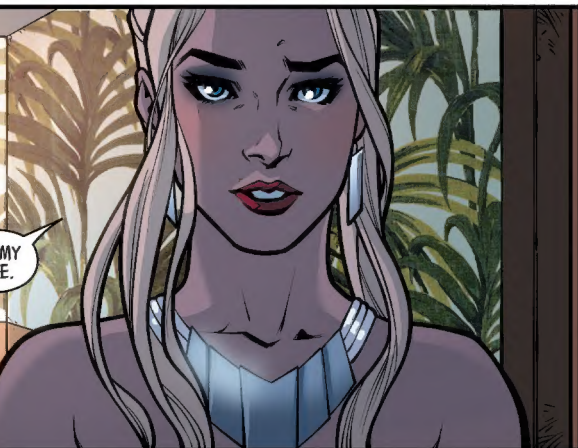
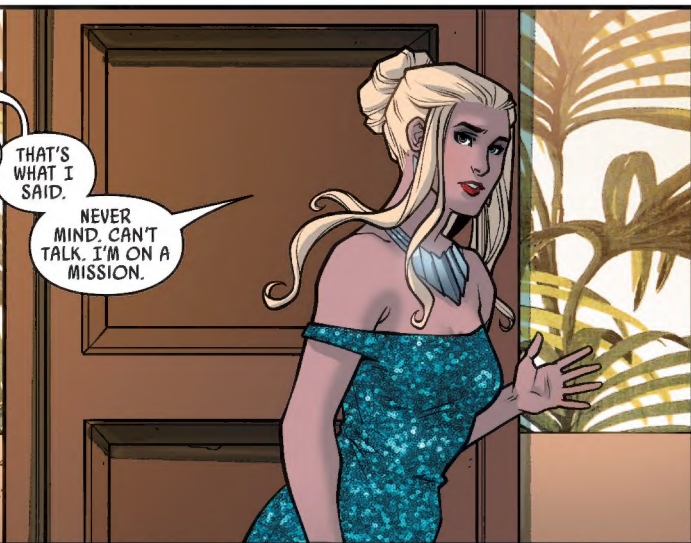
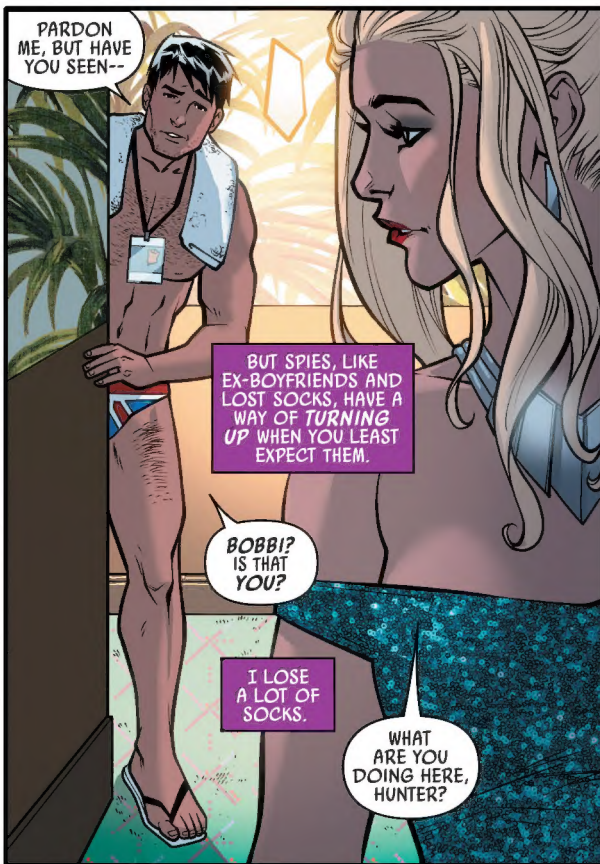
WELL GREAT, NOW CTHULHU IS IN IOWA.

FUNNY THING ABOUT NERDS. THEY APPARENTLY LOVE WEARING HORSE HEADS.

[PERCEPTION +3]

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, I'M ATTACKED BY BUG-BEARS? I WOULD HAVE SEEN THEM WHEN I SEARCHED THE ROOM...





DIAMOND PORPOISE.
SUITE 19.
11:00 A.M.

...DAY TWO OF JURY
SELECTION FOR THE
BARTON TRIAL, AS STATE
ATTORNEYS ASK PROSPECTIVE
JURORS THEIR POSITION
ON THE DEATH
PENALTY...

**KNOCK
KNOCK**

THE SECOND TELEGRAM
ARRIVED AS THE FIRST
DID, CLOUDED IN
VISUAL HYPERBOLE

DIAMOND PORPOISE INTRA-SHIP TELEGRAM
MOCKINGBIRD
WILL MEET YOU AT THE STARBOARD POOL STOP
2PM STOP I'LL FIND YOU STOP
A FRIEND

STARBOARD POOL.
2:01 P.M.

POOL RULES

- No Diving
- No Running
- No Diving
- No Glitter
- No Open Wounds
- No Body Paint

*This means
YOU, Hulks!*

PUBLIC POOLS
ARE SOUPS OF
GERMS

CRYPTOSPORIDIUM

E COLI

BY THE TIME HORSE
HEAD SHOWS UP,
I'LL HAVE GIARDIA
FOR SURE

AT LEAST
THE DRINK
WAS FREE



UNG!

2:11 P.M.

THE WORST PART WAS, I WAS PRETTY SURE THAT KID HAD JUST PEED ON ME

2:12 P.M.

NEXT THING I KNEW, HORSE HEAD WAS IN THE POOL. HE SAID HE HAD EVIDENCE THAT COULD SWAY THE JURY IN CLINT'S TRIAL. A "GAME CHANGER," HE SAID. THEN HE ORDERED A PINA COLADA.

WHAT DO YOU WANT?

JUSTICE FOR BARTON.

WHY?

I'M HEAVILY INVESTED IN HAWKEYE MERCHANDISE. WHY DO YOU CARE? DO YOU WANT MY INFORMATION OR NOT?

WHY ME?

WHY NOT... BLACK WIDOW? IRON MAN? SPIDER-MAN? THOR?

THEY ALL HAVE TWITTER ACCOUNTS.

WHY TELL ME?

YOU'LL UNDERSTAND WHEN YOU HEAR WHAT I HAVE TO SAY.

I'M LISTENING.

NOT HERE. I'LL CONTACT YOU TOMORROW.

YOU KNOW, I COULD BREAK EVERY BONE IN YOUR BODY AND MAKE YOU TELL ME.

THEN YOU GET NOTHING. THIS HAPPENS AT MY PACE OR NOT AT ALL.

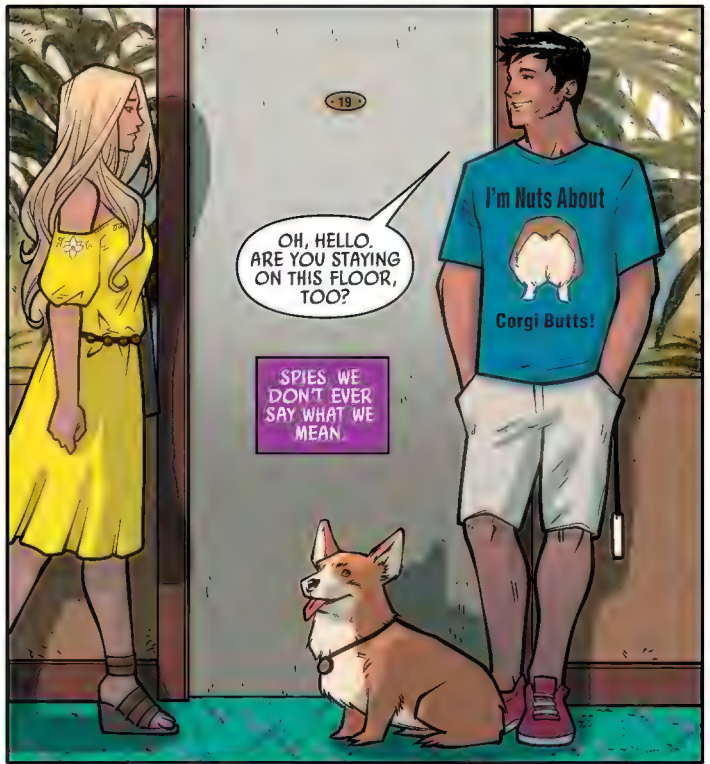
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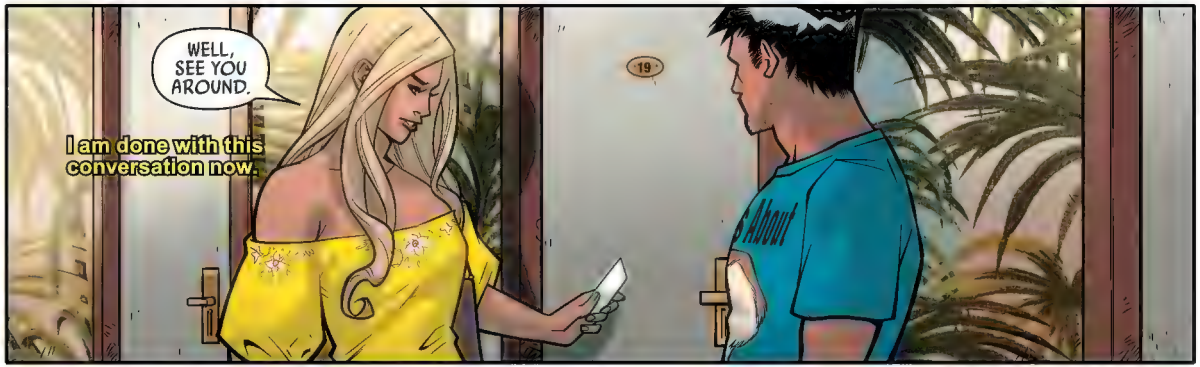
WHERE ARE YOU GOING TO GO? BACK TO THE MEDIA CIRCUS? IF I WERE YOU, MRS. BARTON, I'D SIT BACK AND ENJOY THE CRUISE.

I WAS GETTING REALLY SICK OF PEOPLE TELLING ME THAT.

THEN AGAIN, IT WAS ALL INCLUSIVE

IT'S YOUR DIME.





WELL,
SEE YOU
AROUND.

I am done with this
conversation now.

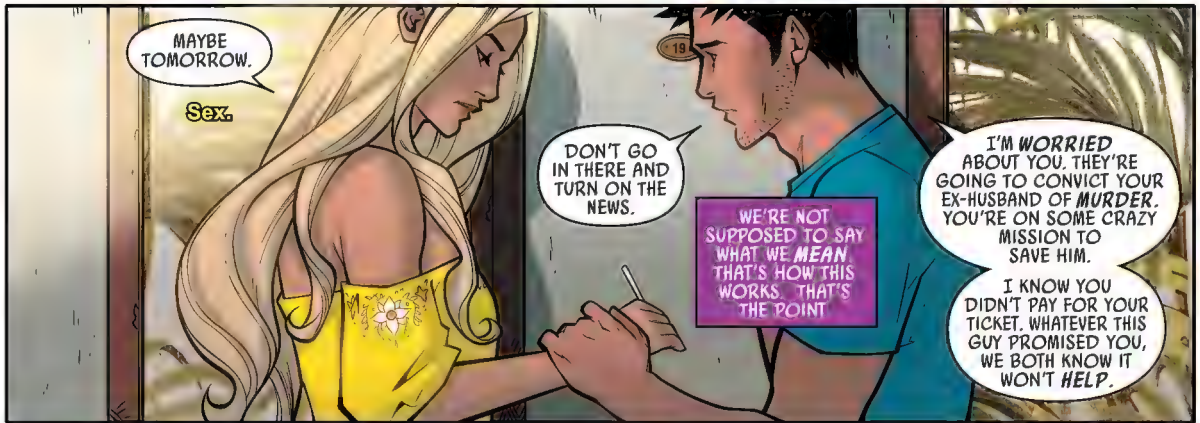


SO, MY
SCHEDULE
OPENED
UP.

So my
schedule
opened up.

WANT TO
JOIN ME FOR A DECK
STROLL? CHECK OUT THE
MAKER FAIRE? AMAZING
WHAT NERDS CAN DO
WITH FELT...

I would like to learn
everything I can about why
you are here and what you
are up to.



MAYBE
TOMORROW.

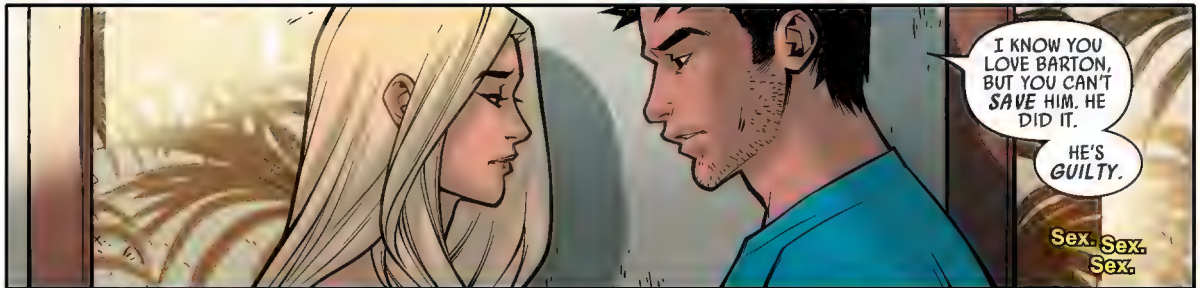
Sex.

DON'T GO
IN THERE AND
TURN ON THE
NEWS.

WE'RE NOT
SUPPOSED TO SAY
WHAT WE MEAN
THAT'S HOW THIS
WORKS. THAT'S
THE POINT

I'M WORRIED
ABOUT YOU. THEY'RE
GOING TO CONVICT YOUR
EX-HUSBAND OF MURDER.
YOU'RE ON SOME CRAZY
MISSION TO
SAVE HIM.

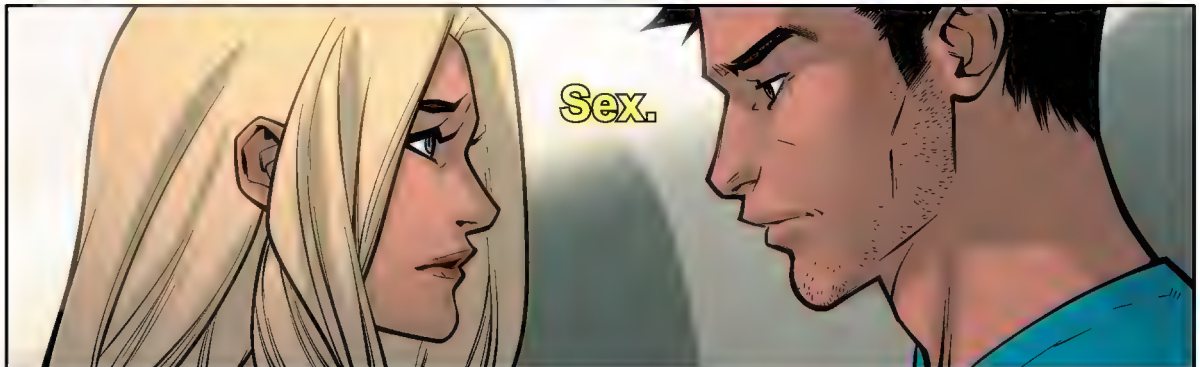
I KNOW YOU
DIDN'T PAY FOR YOUR
TICKET. WHATEVER THIS
GUY PROMISED YOU,
WE BOTH KNOW IT
WON'T HELP.



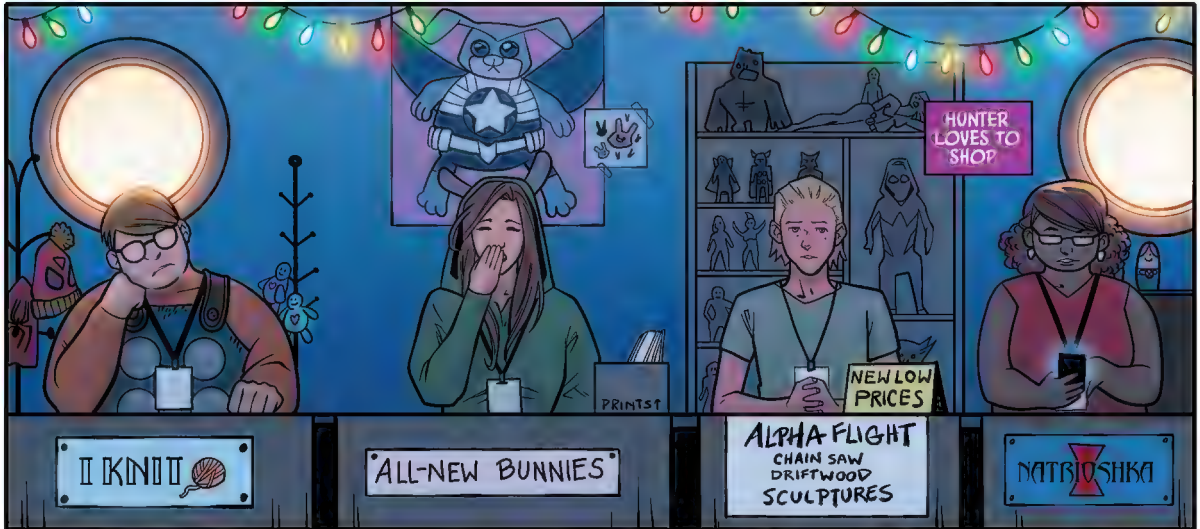
I KNOW YOU
LOVE BARTON,
BUT YOU CAN'T
SAVE HIM. HE
DID IT.

HE'S
GUILTY.

Sex. Sex.
Sex.



Sex.





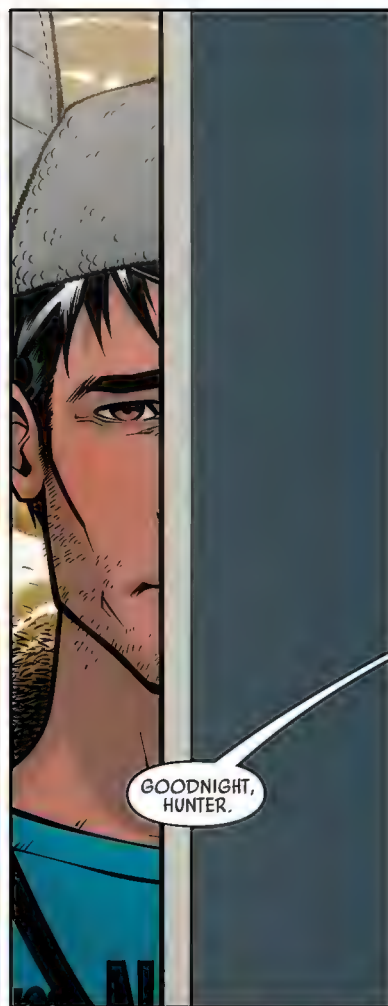
I WANTED
HUNTER TO GIVE
IT TO ME...

...HIS ADVICE
ON INTERIOR
DESIGN.

BUT IT WAS LIKE THERE
WAS A THIRD PERSON
IN THE ROOM WITH US.



WHY ARE YOU
LOOKING AT ME
LIKE THAT? DO I HAVE
SOMETHING ON
MY FACE?



GOODNIGHT,
HUNTER.



ALL RIGHTY,
THEN. JUST GIVE ME A
CALL IF YOU WANT TO
TALK. OR IF YOU WANT
ANY INTERIOR DESIGN
ADVICE LATER...

RUFF!



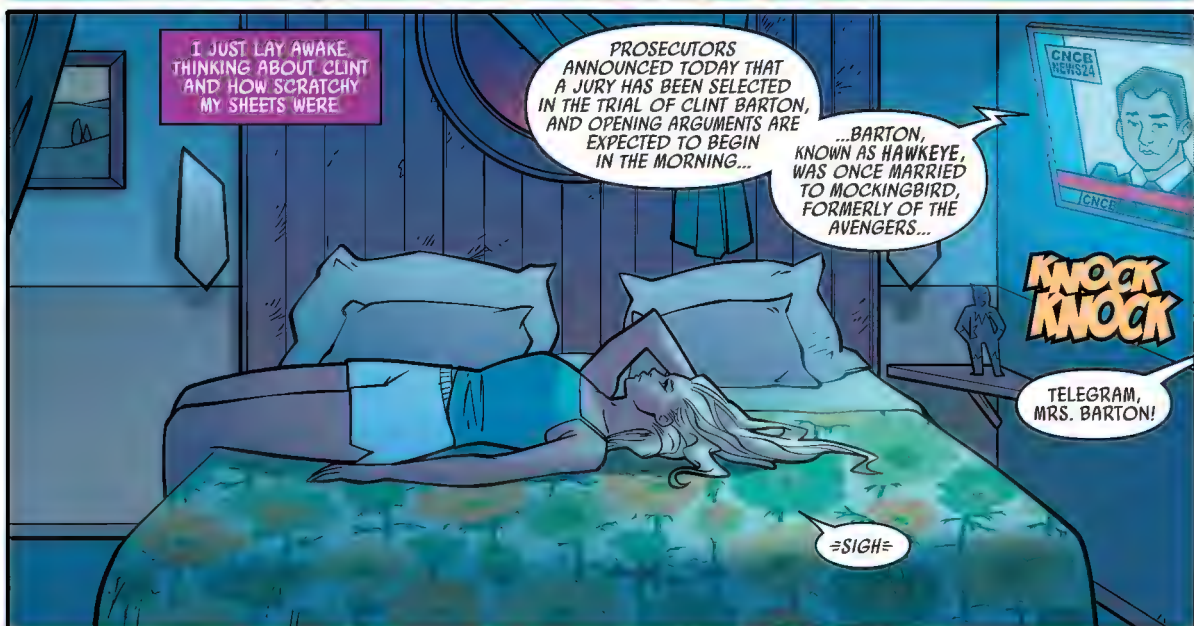
IT'S FINE.
WE HAVE A LOT
OF RECEIPTS TO
CATALOG.
RIGHT, BOY?

**RUFF!
RUFF!**

I'm Nuts About



THAT NIGHT,
I COULDN'T
SLEEP



I JUST LAY AWAKE,
THINKING ABOUT CLINT
AND HOW SCRATCHY
MY SHEETS WERE.

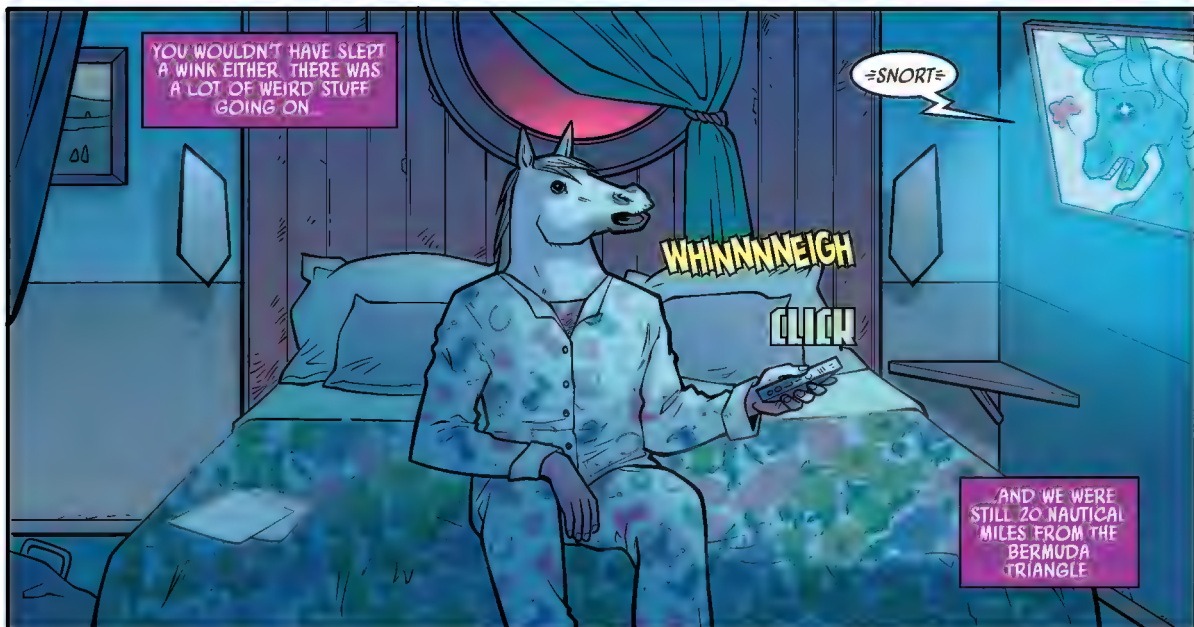
PROSECUTORS
ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT
A JURY HAS BEEN SELECTED
IN THE TRIAL OF CLINT BARTON,
AND OPENING ARGUMENTS ARE
EXPECTED TO BEGIN
IN THE MORNING...

...BARTON,
KNOWN AS HAWKEYE,
WAS ONCE MARRIED
TO MOCKINGBIRD,
FORMERLY OF THE
AVENGERS...

**KNOCK
KNOCK**

TELEGRAM,
MRS. BARTON!

=SIGH=



YOU WOULDN'T HAVE SLEPT
A WINK EITHER. THERE WAS
A LOT OF WEIRD STUFF
GOING ON...

**WHINNNEIGH
CLUCK**

=SNORT=

...AND WE WERE
STILL 20 NAUTICAL
MILES FROM THE
BERMUDA
TRIANGLE

PROMENADE DECK.
10:00 A.M.



WHY
THE LONG
FACE?

YOU KNOW,
A LOT OF PEOPLE
THINK YOUR EX-HUSBAND
IS A HERO. THEY THINK
HULK SHOULD HAVE BEEN
PUT DOWN YEARS AGO...
FOR THE GREATER
GOOD.

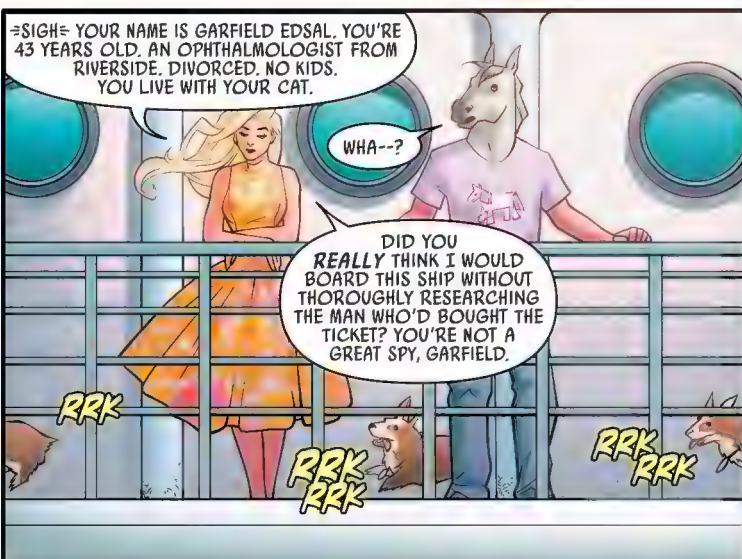
Other Things "A Lot Of People" Think:

- Africa is a country
- Carrots improve eyesight
- We only use 10% of our brains
- "A lot" is one word



WHAT DO YOU THINK, MRS. BARTON?
CAN HOMICIDE EVER BE **JUSTIFIABLE**?
WHAT WOULD IT TAKE FOR YOU
TO MURDER SOMEONE IN
COLD BLOOD?

THIS SO-
CALLED EVIDENCE
YOU HAVE--IS IT
BIGGER THAN A
BREAD BOX?



=SIGH= YOUR NAME IS GARFIELD EDSAL. YOU'RE
43 YEARS OLD. AN OPHTHALMOLOGIST FROM
RIVERSIDE. DIVORCED. NO KIDS.
YOU LIVE WITH YOUR CAT.

WHA--?

DID YOU
REALLY THINK I WOULD
BOARD THIS SHIP WITHOUT
THOROUGHLY RESEARCHING
THE MAN WHO'D BOUGHT THE
TICKET? YOU'RE NOT A
GREAT SPY, GARFIELD.

RRK

RRK
RRK
RRK

RRK
RRK



SNIFF
SOB

HERE,
BOY!

ARE YOU
CRYING?

MY CAT
DIED LAST
WEEK.

WHAT AM
I DOING
HERE?

LATER THAT MORNING.*

HUNTER, I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU.

WHY HAVE I NEVER MET CLINT BARTON?

SERIOUSLY. NEVER EVEN BEEN IN THE SAME ROOM. THAT'S WEIRD, RIGHT?

UH, HI. I'M DALE.

FRUSTRATED AT EVERY TURN BY GARFIELD EDSAL AND HIS HORSE HEAD, I HAD RELUCTANTLY RECRUITED HUNTER FOR HELP.

*BUT STILL TOO EARLY TO BE THIS DRUNK.

I WAS ALREADY REGRETTING IT.



BECAUSE I LOVE THIS GUY. HE'S GREAT. AND HE LOOKS JUST LIKE HIM. I WOULD DIE FOR THIS MAN.

WE MET AT THE BLOODY MARY BAR ABOUT TEN MINUTES AGO.

BOBBI, WHY HAVE YOU NEVER INTRODUCED ME TO CLINT?



BECAUSE IT'S LIKE FIGHT CLUB, AND ONLY ONE OF YOU EXISTS. SO ASK YOURSELF, HUNTER-- ARE YOU TYLER DURDEN OR ARE YOU THE OTHER GUY?



=HIC!=

DO YOU HAVE IT?

GARFIELD EDSAL'S KEY CARD?

SHH! OVER HERE.



I GOT IT FROM HIS BACK POCKET THIS MORNING WHEN I RAN PAST WITH THE DOGS, JUST LIKE WE PLANNED--

WE?

--JUST LIKE YOU PLANNED.



GOOD WORK. MEET ME TONIGHT, 11 P.M. MY CABIN.

YOUR CABIN, MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT. GOT IT.

WAIT! I'M NOT THE OTHER GUY. I'M TYLER...

...RIGHT?

10:59 P.M.

**KNOCK
KNOCK**

I'M
HERE!

OH.
UM...
HEH.

11:10 P.M.

**KNOCK
KNOCK**

I'M
HERE!

LET'S
GO. DON'T
EXPLAIN.

YOU GUYS
GOING TO THE
NINJA DANCE,
TOO?



HULK
LIVES

LIKE I SAID,
THIS CRUISE WAS
A *BAD IDEA*
FROM THE START.

**NEXT MONTH: BOBBI MORSE,
CRUISE SHIP DETECTIVE!
AND THE *DIAMOND PORPOISE*
ENTERS THE BERMUDA TRIANGLE!**

MORSE CODE

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M

Dear Chelsea,

I loved the first issue of **MOCKINGBIRD** and have the second sitting on my desk now. Great work so far.

Sincerely,
Tomas Hendrix

Hi, Tom:

Thank you! That second issue makes an excellent desk accessory. Keep adding to the stack. If you collect enough issues, you may be able to climb the stack, access a duct in the ceiling and escape your office.

C.

I have to say, I am highly impressed with Bobbi. I just finished the fourth issue and what a setup for the fifth! It always seems like Bobbi is one step ahead of everything and ready for the problems that she encounters.

Really surprised at the Bond-style cover for this issue, but it matches the flare that this issue reverberates. And Hawkeye, I imagined him to be taller for the comics. Really expected him to have his bow for this issue, but Bobbi's smarts more than compensate for that.

Looking forward to issue five. I hope that the puzzle's answers are what I, myself, have theorized. We will see how they stack up with Bobbi's brilliance. Until then, keep up the good work.

Signed,
Benjamin Francis
"The Mountain Man"

Hey, Grizzly Adams,

Bobbi is 5'9". She is a tall woman. So what I think you mean to say is, "I expected Bobbi to be shorter." Now, let's talk about Hawkeye's bow. It's nice, right? Long, steady, bracingly on-target. Bobbi knows. She was

married to the man. Is archery a super-power? No. Is *aim*? Maybe. One of the things I've always loved about Hawkeye is that he's human and flawed and therefore attainable. I spent my girlhood rescuing bugs from puddles on the off chance that one of them might grant me alien super-powers. I grew up in the Pacific Northwest. We have a lot of puddles here. So if the alien bug thing hasn't happened already, it probably isn't going to. I'll have to live with that. But I could be Hawkeye. If I had 100,000 hours to practice, something to prove and, um, a bow, I could be that guy.

What do you have when you take away Hawkeye's bow? Clint Barton. Bobbi might have married Hawkeye, but she divorced Clint. I mean that in a good way—she was/is in love with the guy—the guy under the mask, the emotionally stunted, "real-life" person, who divorced her because he felt she behaved immorally. That guy. The vulnerable, bull-headed one. The one with the abs. Hawkeye is attainable, but Clint Barton is the one I'm interested in.

I've always said that this little run of **MOCKINGBIRD** was going to be grounded in Bobbi's POV. It's not the truth. It's not what happened. It's just her point of view. She's the one who gets to tell the story. So any story she tells about Hawkeye is going to be about Barton.

And because this is Bobbi's story (it's right there in the title, **MOCKINGBIRD**), she gets to be the one with the power. Not only does Barton not get a bow, he doesn't get a shirt, pants, or shoes either. When I emasculate men, I do it with gusto.

Maybe Barton has his bow in "real life." Maybe he was wearing pants. Maybe he

even had an escape plan. But that's not the way that Bobbi remembers it.

Hey, you just read issue #5, didn't you? I hope it lived up to your theories.

Thanks for reading.
~Chelsea. (5'10")

Dear Chelsea,

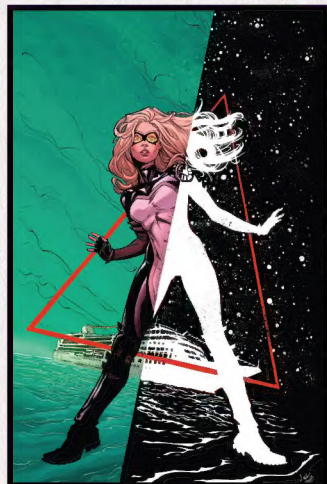
I have just finished **MOCKINGBIRD** #4 and I felt compelled to send you a message of thanks and congratulations. I have been a fan of **Mockingbird** for more than 30 years. First, because we have the same last name and, secondly, because of the Mark Gruenwald's **HAWKEYE** mini-series...which I know that you've read based on your "bubble bath" comment in issue #4. That panel made me smile! **MOCKINGBIRD** is currently the only Marvel title that I buy monthly. The rest I just check out here and there.

My thanks to you and Kate Niemczyk for your stellar work. I look forward to what's next.

Sincerely,
Scott Allen Morse

Thanks, Dad.

Love,
Bobbi.



ISSUE #7 ON SALE IN SEPTEMBER

DE-STRESS WITH THESE DAILY YOGA POSES

BY BOBBI MORSE



CHARLIE'S ANGEL



MY EX-HUSBAND
IS ON TRIAL FOR MURDER



UPSIDE DOWN
MARTINI



TRIPPED BY CORGI



DIAMOND PORPOISE



I NEED A PEDICURE



SCRATCHY SHEETS



BERMUDA TRIANGLE



NATURAL 20